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### INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, MARCH QUARTER 1969

Workers' compensation in Queensland is handled solely by the State Government Insurance Office. All employers must insure their employees, but self-employed persons are not obliged to insure, and members of the Police Force and the Commonwealth Public Service are excluded. Details of industrial accidents given in this bulletin were extracted from claims finalised or becoming three years old during the March quarter 1969. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within the period. By definition, accidents which caused employees to lose less than a full shift from work are excluded from the statistics.

An analysis of the March quarter 1969 claims showed that, of the 10,686 work injuries, 9,895 (92.6 per cent) were to males and 791 (7.4 per cent) were to females. Of the persons injured, 10,439 (97.7 per cent) suffered injuries of a temporary nature, 222 (2.1 per cent) received some form of permanent disability, while 25 (0.2 per cent) were fatally injured. The 25 deaths were all males.

Time lost through temporary disabilities amounted to 179,668 calendar days by males and 15,017 by females. Male employees lost an average of 18.6 days and 40.1 per cent of the absences did not exceed one week's duration. The average number of days lost by female employees through temporary disabilities was 19.2, and 40.8 per cent of the absences did not exceed one week's duration.

Of the male occupation groups listed in Table 2, Metal Tradesmen and Process Workers suffered most injuries (2,269, or 22.9 per cent). In the female grouping, more accidents (240, or 30.3 per cent of the total) happened to Service Industry and Recreation Workers than to any other group.

The most common agents precipitating these accidents were Hand Tools and Movable Equipment which led to 2,251, or 21.1 per cent, of work injuries. In the type of accident category, 4,587, or 46.4 per cent, of the injuries to male employees resulted from being Struck by Moving or Falling Objects, and 301 female employees, 38.1 per cent of the total number injured, received their injuries in the same manner.

The nature of injury groups recording the greatest number of accidents were Lacerations and Open Wounds (3,159, or 29.6 per cent) and Sprains and Strains (2,763, or 25.9 per cent).

More detailed statistics are available quarterly and annually and may be had on request.

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Extent of Disability and Time Lost, March Quarter 1969

Industry Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability <sup>a</sup>								
		Fatal <sup>b</sup>	Perman-ent	Tem-porary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Days Lost			
										Total	Average		
Males													
TOTAL .. ..	9,895	25	213	9,657	3,869	2,520	1,738	1,485	45	179,668	18.6		
Primary Production ..	915	7	34	874	193	249	223	202	7	22,122	25.3		
Mining and Quarrying ..	261	1	7	253	93	64	46	47	3	6,215	24.6		
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc. ..	188	1	2	185	80	45	32	26	2	4,261	23.0		
Metal Refining and Products ..	692	-	12	680	383	163	80	54	-	7,697	11.3		
Machinery, General Engineering	1,156	-	23	1,133	638	232	163	96	4	14,200	12.5		
Meat and Fish Processing ..	877	-	13	864	333	278	151	100	2	13,895	16.1		
Other Food and Drink Processing	488	-	11	477	196	133	83	65	-	7,380	15.5		
Sawmilling and Wood Products ..	477	-	23	453	163	111	99	76	4	9,405	20.8		
Preparation of Skins and Leather													
Goods Manufacturing ..	57	-	-	57	25	16	8	7	1	1,030	18.1		
Rubber Goods Manufacturing ..	54	-	3	51	21	11	9	10	-	1,070	21.0		
Other Manufacturing ..	200	-	7	193	82	45	40	26	-	3,393	17.6		
Electricity and Gas ..	131	-	-	131	61	29	25	14	2	2,750	21.0		
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	127	-	2	125	47	34	25	16	3	2,899	23.2		
Building Construction, Repairs	1,200	6	16	1,178	519	301	188	162	8	21,670	18.4		
Other Construction Works ..	1,026	2	16	1,008	318	291	196	200	3	21,466	21.3		
Road Transport .. ..	357	2	7	348	131	75	75	66	1	7,806	22.4		
Other Transport and Storage ..	528	3	10	515	155	139	104	116	1	10,451	20.3		
Commerce and Finance ..	876	1	18	857	340	238	136	140	3	16,145	18.8		
Community and Business Services	143	1	4	138	49	31	20	37	1	3,139	22.7		
Amusement and Personal Services	130	-	4	126	38	34	34	20	-	2,343	18.6		
Other Industries ..	12	-	1	11	4	1	1	5	-	331	30.1		
Females													
TOTAL .. ..	791	-	9	782	319	210	122	125	6	15,017	19.2		
Primary Production ..	30	-	2	28	4	6	10	8	-	668	23.9		
Metal Refining and Products,													
General Engineering ..	38	-	1	37	16	15	6	-	-	354	9.6		
Textile Manufacturing ..	16	-	-	16	3	5	3	5	-	509	31.8		
Clothing Manufacturing ..	23	-	-	23	15	6	-	2	-	339	14.7		
Meat and Fish Processing ..	129	-	-	129	54	41	16	16	2	2,544	19.7		
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable													
Canning .. ..	35	-	1	34	5	8	11	9	1	1,211	35.6		
Other Food and Drink Processing	43	-	-	43	20	10	5	8	-	648	15.1		
Printing, Packaging, etc. Manu-													
facturing .. ..	21	-	-	21	11	8	2	-	-	176	8.4		
Other Manufacturing ..	37	-	1	36	19	7	6	4	-	454	12.6		
Commerce and Finance ..	142	-	-	142	71	36	16	19	-	2,283	16.1		
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	86	-	1	85	37	19	13	16	-	1,502	17.7		
Other Community etc. Services	53	-	1	52	15	13	9	15	-	1,272	24.5		
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Restau-													
ants, etc. .. ..	98	-	1	97	35	28	22	11	1	1,639	16.9		
Amusement and Other Personal													
Services .. ..	16	-	1	15	3	2	1	7	2	918	61.2		
Other Industries ..	24	-	-	24	11	6	2	5	-	500	20.8		

<sup>a</sup> Calendar period of incapacity and not actual working days.<sup>b</sup> Resulting in death at any time within three years after the accident.

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Type of Accident, March Quarter 1969

Occupation Group	All Injuries		Falls of Persons		Struck by Moving, Falling Objects, etc.		Caught in or between Objects		Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement		Heat, Cold, Harmful Substances, Electric Current, etc.		Other Types	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.
Males														
<b>TOTAL</b> .. ..	<b>25</b>	<b>9,870</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>169</b>
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	1	110	-	39	-	38	-	8	-	21	-	2	1	2
Salesmen ..	1	123	-	29	-	42	-	9	-	32	-	4	1	7
Farmers, Fishermen, Timbergetters	7	903	1	202	4	447	-	92	-	115	1	28	1	19
Miners and Quarrymen ..	2	190	1	34	1	88	-	26	-	31	-	9	-	2
Road Transport Workers ..	2	531	-	147	-	150	-	50	-	131	-	21	2	32
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	-	175	-	43	-	66	-	16	-	34	-	14	-	2
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	-	2,269	-	281	-	1,222	-	162	-	326	-	255	-	23
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations ..	2	840	1	174	1	397	-	90	-	159	-	7	-	13
Painters and Decorators ..	-	133	-	46	-	42	-	7	-	23	-	12	-	3
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	1	459	1	116	-	216	-	19	-	93	-	8	-	7
Food and Beverage Workers ..	-	823	-	126	-	526	-	42	-	95	-	24	-	10
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators ..	5	413	1	108	1	173	2	39	-	68	1	20	-	5
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers ..	-	559	-	162	-	208	-	60	-	119	-	6	-	4
Labourers n.e.i. ..	1	1,605	-	335	-	719	-	169	-	282	1	72	-	28
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers ..	-	202	-	70	-	59	-	10	-	43	-	16	-	4
Other Occupations ..	3	535	-	131	-	187	2	72	-	110	1	27	-	8
Females														
<b>TOTAL</b> .. ..	<b>-</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30</b>
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	-	77	-	30	-	18	-	3	-	21	-	3	-	2
Sales Workers ..	-	92	-	22	-	41	-	3	-	21	-	2	-	3
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc. ..	-	32	-	7	-	12	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	1
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	-	14	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	-
Metal Process Workers ..	-	37	-	2	-	23	-	4	-	7	-	1	-	-
Food and Beverage Workers ..	-	128	-	26	-	58	-	7	-	19	-	5	-	13
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	-	39	-	10	-	17	-	5	-	4	-	2	-	1
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	-	81	-	17	-	40	-	2	-	18	-	1	-	3
Service Industry and Recreation Workers ..	-	240	-	83	-	75	-	15	-	43	-	19	-	5
Other Occupations ..	-	51	-	22	-	13	-	6	-	5	-	3	-	2

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Agency<sup>a</sup> Related to Accident by Nature of Injury, March Quarter 1969

Agency Related to Accident	All Injuries		Fractures, Dis-locations		Sprains and Strains		Lacerations, Open Wounds		Contusions, Bruisings, Superficial Injuries		Burns, Scalds		Other Injuries <sup>b</sup>	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F. <sup>c</sup>	N.F.
Total Persons														
TOTAL .. ..	25	10,661	10	1,302	-	2,763	1	3,158	-	2,267	2	484	12	687
Metal and Wood-working Machines	1	714	-	53	-	20	1	337	-	143	-	76	-	85
Other Machines .. ..	1	521	1	75	-	89	-	175	-	108	-	27	-	47
Lifting Equipment .. ..	3	213	3	42	-	43	-	46	-	64	-	2	-	16
Installed Equipment .. ..	2	146	-	22	-	42	-	21	-	23	-	22	2	16
Hand Tools and Movable Equipment	-	2,251	-	192	-	362	-	1,154	-	406	-	75	-	62
Means of Transport .. ..	8	999	2	189	-	279	-	154	-	288	1	20	5	69
Materials, Substances, and														
Radiation .. ..	2	367	1	2	-	5	-	32	-	73	1	243	-	12
Indoor Working Environment .. ..	-	981	-	137	-	387	-	103	-	265	-	8	-	81
Outdoor and Underground Working														
Environment .. ..	7	716	2	109	-	275	-	118	-	167	-	4	5	43
Other Agencies .. ..	1	3,753	1	481	-	1,261	-	1,018	-	730	-	7	-	256

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

a The agency (i.e. the work conditions, equipment, person, animal, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature precipitated the accident.

b Including miscellaneous reactions to poisons, effects of electric currents, and exposure to weather.

c Including 4 cases due to internal injuries.

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability  
March Quarter 1969

Type of Accident	All In- juries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability <sup>a</sup>								
		Fatal <sup>b</sup>	Perm- anent	Tem- porary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Days Lost			
										Total	Average		
Total Persons													
TOTAL .. ..	10,686	25	222	10,439	4,188	2,730	1,860	1,610	51	194,685	18.9		
Falls of Persons ..	2,270	5	30	2,235	698	570	466	481	20	54,214	24.7		
Struck by Falling Objects	1,144	5	19	1,120	426	285	227	178	4	20,441	16.0		
Stepping on, Striking, or Struck by Objects ..	3,744	2	70	3,672	1,814	1,000	538	314	6	48,391	13.9		
Caught in or between Objects	926	4	94	828	258	212	175	178	5	18,675	19.9		
Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement .. ..	1,832	-	4	1,828	626	470	343	375	14	42,172	21.2		
Exposure to, or Contact with, Extreme Temperature ..	347	1	1	345	140	107	60	37	1	4,753	13.0		
Exposure to, or Contact with, Electric Current ..	11	2	-	9	3	2	2	2	-	204	19.8		
Exposure to, or Contact with, Harmful Substances ..	208	1	1	206	159	30	12	5	-	1,284	6.0		
Traffic Accidents ..	64	4	1	59	14	12	13	20	-	1,943	61.5		
Other Types ..	140	1	2	137	50	42	24	20	1	2,608	24.2		

a Calendar period of incapacity and not actual working days.

b Resulting in death at any time within three years after the accident.

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